

# NYRx Vaccine Billing

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## What Pharmacies Need to Know

In accordance with New York State (NYS) Education law, pharmacists certified to administer immunizations are authorized to administer to patients 19 years of age and older, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The following vaccines can now be obtained at the pharmacy by NYS Medicaid members, 18 years of age and older:

- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Herpes zoster (shingles)
- Human papillomavirus
- Influenza (two years of age and older)
- Measles, mumps, and rubella
- Meningococcal
- Pneumococcal
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis
- Varicella
- Other vaccines as recommended by the Commissioner

For more information about coverage of the COVID-19 vaccine, see the [Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet](#).

Vaccines recommended by the ACIP for individuals younger than 19 years of age are provided to Medicaid members free of charge by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. For more information about the VFC program, see [New York City](#) or [Outside New York City](#) based on your location.

**Note:** Pharmacies that bill Medicaid for the cost of vaccines obtained via the VFC Program are subject to recovery of payment. Through December 31, 2024, non-VFC enrolled pharmacies may bill the COVID-19 vaccine per the guidance posted [here](#).

## NYRx Billing Instructions for Vaccine and Administration

Effective October 24, 2024, NYRx will accept vaccine claims billed with a National Drug Code (NDC).

Consistent with Medicaid immunization policy, pharmacies will be reimbursed both the administration fee and, when applicable, the acquisition cost of the vaccine using the appropriate NDC in **one claim** submission.

Reimbursement for the vaccine cost for individuals 19 years of age and older will be made at no more than the actual acquisition cost to the pharmacy. No dispensing fee or enrollee co-payment applies. Pharmacies will bill with a quantity of "1" and a daily supply of "1."

Please note, that previous billing guidance utilizing procedure codes pursuant to the [Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet](#) will continue to be available temporarily, via the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) D.0 format:

NCPDP D.0. Claim Segment Field	Value
436-E1 (Product/Service ID Qualifier)	Enter the value "03" which qualifies the code submitted in field 407-D7 (Product/Service ID) as an NDC.
407-D7 (Product/Service ID)	Enter an applicable NDC found on the <a href="#">Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs</a> .

Please see the [NYS Medicaid Pharmacy Manual Policy Guidelines](#) document for further guidance on origin code and serial number values that must be submitted on the claim for "pharmacy dispensing" when applicable for non-patient-specific orders.

## Vaccine Reimbursement & Administration Fee

The administration fee is automatically applied to claims. The total reimbursement amount returned in NCPDP field 509-F9 (Total Amount Paid) will include the administration fee in addition to reimbursement of the vaccine, when applicable:

- Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration \$25.10
- Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) \$13.36
- Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) \$13.36
- Immunization administration of seasonal influenza intranasal vaccine for ages 19 years and older \$8.66
- Immunization administration by intramuscular (IM) injection of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine, single dose \$13.36

## Managed Care Organization Billing Instructions

NYRx should be billed for any vaccine administered by a pharmacy provider. For non-pharmacy providers, individual Managed Care Organization (MCO) plans should be contacted for their specific reimbursement and billing guidance. For plan information, visit the Managed Care plans' webpage.

Note the following:

- NYRx billing questions should be directed to the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000.
- MCO medical billing questions should be directed to the individual MCO plan.
- For CDC vaccine and immunization information, see [Vaccines & Immunizations](#).
- For the ACIP immunization schedule, see [Adult Immunization Schedule by Age](#) and [Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule by Age](#).
- Providers should periodically check the [Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs](#) for covered vaccinations.

## Vaccine Counseling

Pharmacists offering vaccine counseling services to members 18 years of age or younger can reference the coverage and reimbursement policy outlined in the [Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Program Childhood Vaccine Counseling Coverage Benefit](#) article published in the March 2022 issue of the *Medicaid Update*.

## Resources

- [NCPDP D.0 Standard Companion Guide](#)
- [NYRx Education & Outreach Website](#)
- [NYS Medicaid Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet](#)
- [Pharmacy Fee Schedule](#)

## Contact Information

The NYRx Education and Outreach Call Center is available at 833-967-7310 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM ET, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

For NYRx program-related questions and non-member-specific questions, email the NYRx Education and Outreach team at [NYRxEO@primetherapeutics.com](mailto:NYRxEO@primetherapeutics.com).

The Education and Outreach team hosts virtual office hours every week for stakeholders to ask questions related to NYRx and care coordination. Visit the [NYRx Education & Outreach Website](#) for more information.